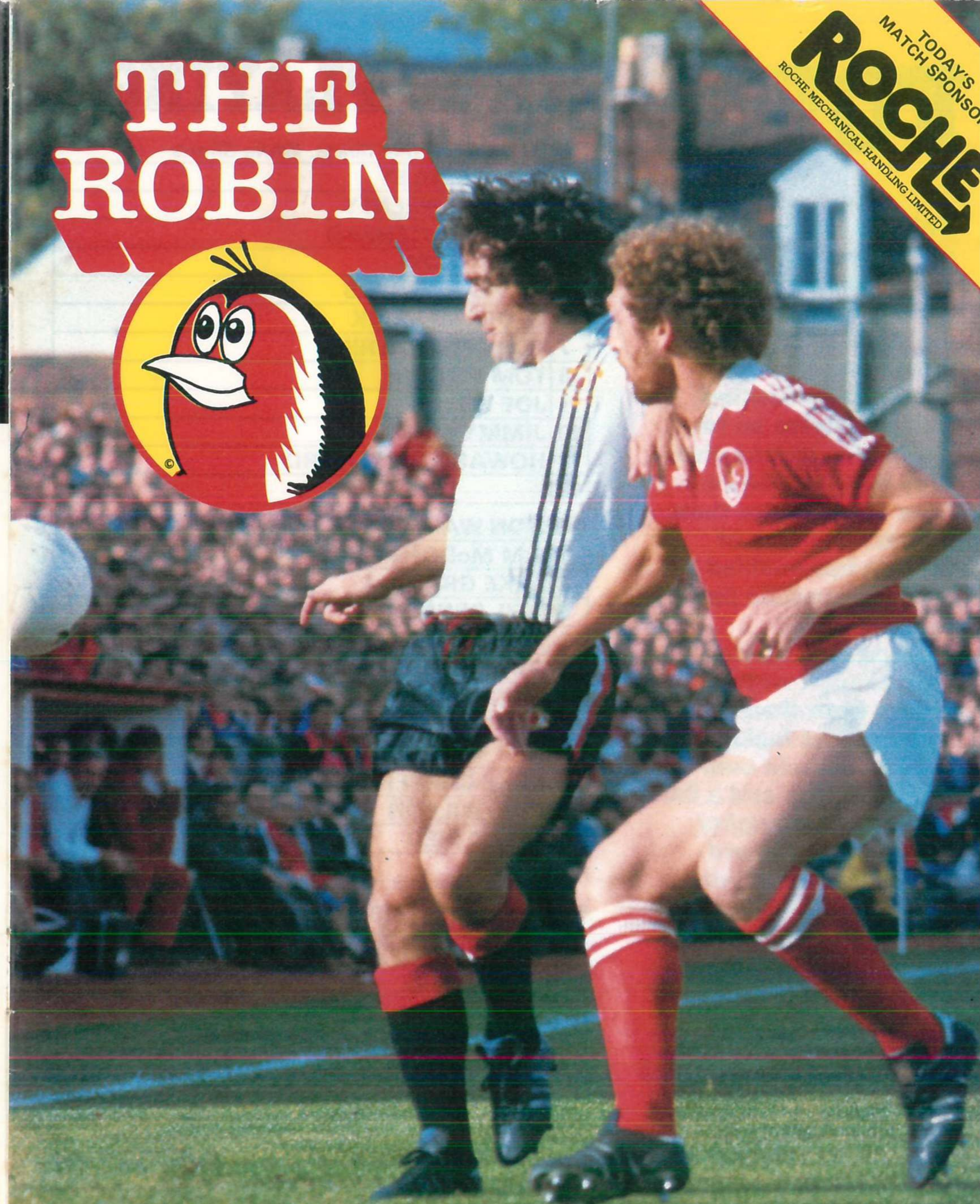


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FORM

Bolton's improvement of form in recent weeks seems to have sprung from the inevitability of relegation.

Since the realisation that they were so far adrift of everyone else they have settled to a freer approach to their games. The lack of tension has enabled them to produce better results.

Their season started well enough with four points from their first three games including a 2-1 home win over Southampton and a 0-0 draw against mighty Liverpool at Anfield. But they did not win again until March and took only one point from their next 15 away games.

March was a much better month. Not only did they beat Nottingham Forest, Norwich City and Tottenham Hotspur at home but they took away points from West Bromwich Albion and Manchester City.

WHO'S PLAYING?

BRISTOL CITY *Red Shirts, White Shorts*

1	RAY CASHLEY
2	GERRY SWEENEY
3	CLIVE WHITEHEAD
4	GERRY GOW
5	DAVID RODGERS
6	GEOFF MERRICK
7	TONY FITZPATRICK
8	TOM RITCHIE
9	JOE ROYLE
10	JIMMY MANN
11	HOWARD PRITCHARD
12	

BOLTON WANDERERS *White Shirts, Navy Shorts*

1	JIM McDONAGH
2	MIKE GRAHAM
3	NEIL BENNETT
4	LEN CANTELLO
5	PAUL JONES
6	MIKE WALSH
7	TADEUSZ NOWAK
8	NEIL WHATMORE
9	MIKE CARTER
10	PHIL WILSON
11	PETER RIED
12	

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Linesmen:

K. A. COOPER, Pontypridd (Red Flag)

R. S. GRINDLAY (Yellow Flag)

Bert Newsome started refereeing whilst in the Army. Progressed through local Shropshire leagues, to the Central League and then the Football League. Has officiated in European and international matches. Bert is a New Towns Information Officer and his interests include gardening, home decorating, cooking, antiques and most sports — especially squash.





TEAM TALK

A football club's strength is in its players and the top clubs have a first-team pool of at least 16 or 17 experienced men all capable of going into the first team and turning in quality performances.

We operate the squad system at Bristol City and in the past few days, with the weather proving so unpredictable, I have decided to show much more flexibility in team selection for the remainder of the season.

Sometimes a different approach is needed for an away game. Some sides may have players with certain attributes that need to be combatted by alterations in our team.

For example, I made two changes for the match against Middlesbrough that had to be postponed because the pitch was so wet. Despite a fine performance at Derby in the previous match when all 11 players gave everything. I left out Donnie Gillies and Kevin Mabbutt.

But I wish to emphasise now that they were not dropped. I planned to introduce David

Rodgers at centre-half and Howard Pritchard on the right flank purely for tactical reasons.

Had the game been played, the pitch would have been extremely heavy. David would have been the ideal man under the circumstances, particularly as Middlesbrough had a big striker in their attack.

For the same reason I felt we would have needed a player on the wing — an area which usually tends to be drier and offers a more direct path towards the opponents' goal. That was why I chose Howard.

He had done very well earlier that week in the Anglo-Scottish Cup final against St. Mirren when he came on as substitute in the second half.

The pitch was heavy that night and he showed his strength and ability to centre which were two attributes we would have needed against Middlesbrough.

Both Kevin and Donnie were in the squad for the visit to Southampton which again had to be called off because of the atrocious weather. But I decided not to name a team until just before the kick-off because I wanted to see what the ground conditions were like.

As it turned out we made a wasted journey and it did not become necessary to commit myself over the final team. The weather has played havoc with our fixture list. At one stage we had played more games than most other sides in the First Division. Now we find ourselves with games in hand and still have six matches to play.

Staying in the First Division is up to us now. If we can finish with a winning run we can make it. Every game is of equal importance now.

Bolton will not provide easy opposition today and we shall have to be at our best to take both points. Keep up your encouragement and get behind the lads straight from the kick-off.

ALAN DICKS



PETER REID

Dangerman

Bolton Wanderers have had little to cheer about this season but the return to fitness of their stylish midfield man Peter Reid is the one bright spot.

Out of action for more than a year because of injury, the former England Under-21 player has brought a missing element back to the side.

Since he returned after Christmas, Bolton have doubled their points total and their goalscoring.

Reid — who is still only 23 joined the club as an apprentice, becoming a full contract professional in May 1974. He made his League debut, against Orient, in October the same year. He played 38 times, scoring nine goals, when Bolton won Division Two in 1977-78 and won six England Under-21 caps.

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DAY-TO-DAY

A day-to-day look at Ashton Gate happenings:

MARCH

25 City lose 2-0 at home to St. Mirren in the first leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup final with Billy Stark scoring two goals. The crowd is a mere 3,731.

St. Mirren manager Jim Clunie launches a scathing attack on English soccer after the game and speaking of City in particular comments: "They lacked determination and conviction." City manager Alan Dicks replies: "I'd back English clubs against Scottish clubs every time."

26 Aberdeen manager Alec Ferguson renews his interest in City midfield player Tony Fitzpatrick. Ferguson tried to set up an exchange deal with defender Willie Miller before the transfer deadline. Now he admits he would like to sign the Scottish Under-21 international at the end of the season.

27 Fears and hopes for the injured Gerry Gow. Some reports say he will not play again this season but he resumes light training and is determined to get back into the fight.

28 Alan Dicks names a squad of 16 players to "Get us out of trouble". He will choose his team match by match for tactical reasons.

29 City's home game with Middlesbrough is called off after torrential rain soaks the Ashton Gate pitch.

APRIL

1 Another postponement. City's visit to Southampton is a victim of the heavy weather.



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TONY DISAPPOINTED . . .

News from North of the Border suggests that Tony Fitzpatrick, the club's £230,000 record signing from St. Mirren, would welcome a move back to Scotland.

But manager Alan Dicks says that the 24 year old midfield player has three more years to run on his contract from the end of this season and that he expects it to be honoured.

He said: "Tony has been a little frustrated by events over the past few weeks. But I know he is big enough to play his way through it."

"All we are interested in at the moment is getting the right results to keep us in the First Division."

Tony is disappointed that he has not been in manager Jock Stein's full international squad since earlier in the season. He was a member of the Scotland party that went to Belgium in November but did not even get a position on the substitute's bench.

He has since been overlooked for other internationals. His big ambition when he came to England was to win a full cap that had been within his grasp during his career at St. Mirren.

He now feels a move back to Scotland would give him a better chance of winning international honours.

WEAR AND TEAR . . .

Former City and England centre-forward John Atyeo recently spent three weeks in Bath Mineral Hospital for treatment for arthritis.

It was his second visit to the hospital and he believes the wear and tear of 15 years of



Between You, Me and the Goalpost

professional football is taking its toll.

He said: "My joints get stiff and I get trouble with my shoulders, ribs and fingers.

The hospital treatment loosens me up and I feel fine now.

"Happily I suffer no inconvenience or incapacity at all. I can still play golf and I'll be on my local course every day during the summer holidays."

John (48), who scored 350 goals in 645 appearances until his retirement in 1966, is a housemaster at a school in Warminster where he now lives.

His golf is played at the nearby West Wilts club and his handicap is six.

He has not seen his old club play for some time and most of his football-watching is done at Swindon.

John expects to be back at school next week after the Easter break.

TALENT SPOTTER . . .

Tony Collins, the club's assistant manager, is not the only talent-spotter in the Collins household, it seems. His daughter Sarita is responsible for the club's latest apprentice professional signing.

He is 16 year old Darren Scott who attended Sarita's school in Rochdale until just before Easter. She mentioned to her father what a good player he was so Tony took the tip. He saw Darren, a midfield player, in a couple of schools matches and offered him

terms. He accepted City's contract — much to the annoyance of Manchester United and Leeds United who were also interested.

Darren joined the club the week before Easter and youth officer Roger Quintin says: "He looks a very useful player and has plenty of skill."

YOUTH ABROAD . . .

City's youth team are off on their close-season travels again this summer. As usual they return to the Tilburg international tournament in Holland which they have won several times.

This year they are sampling the attractions of France as well. They have entered a tournament in Dunkirk.

They leave on May 23 and return to Bristol on June 2. The first team will be away at around the same time — playing in a competition in Perth, Western Australia.

ANDREW SANIGAR

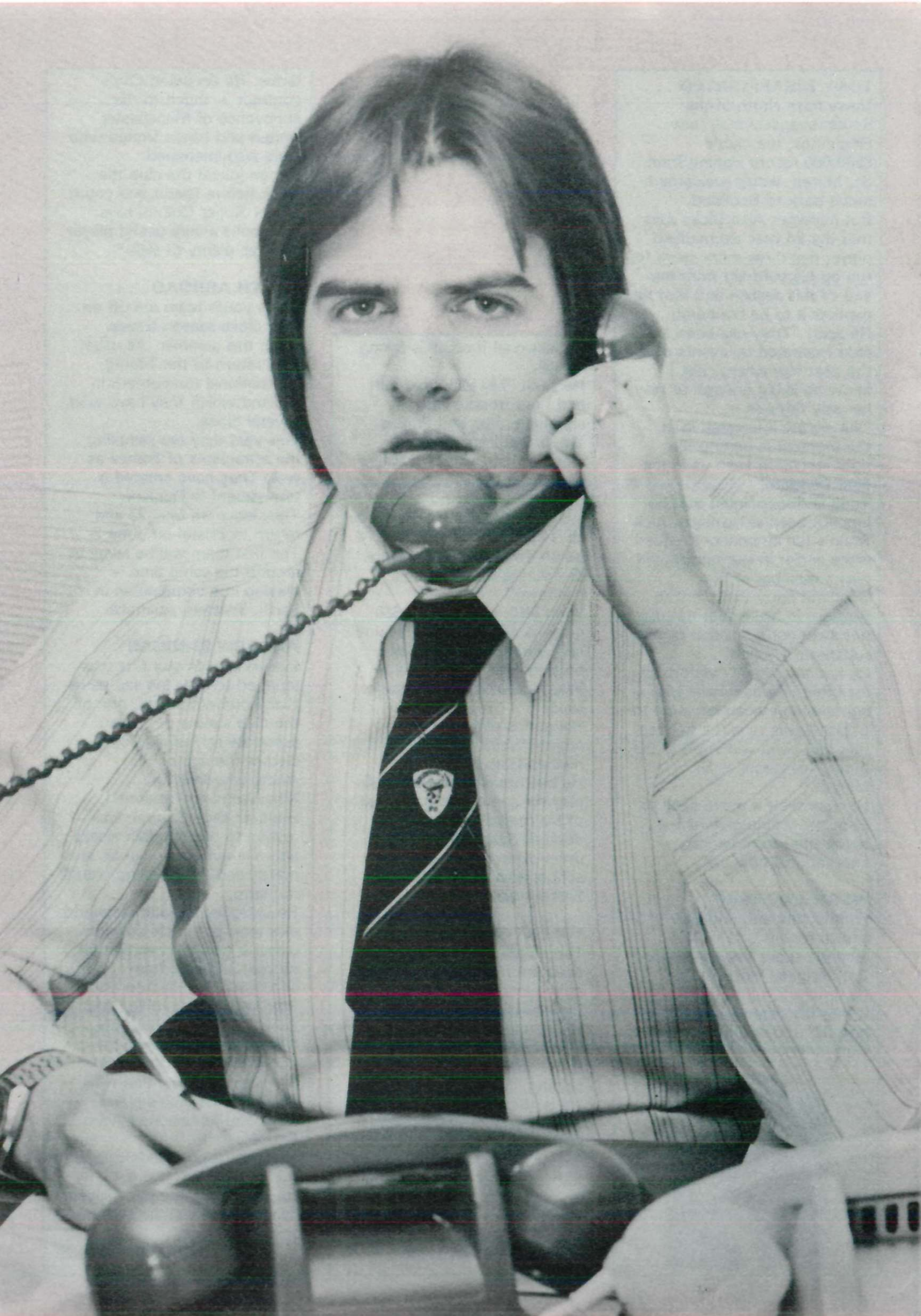
Everyone at Bristol City was stunned to hear the sad news that Andrew Sanigar, one of the club's most promising associate schoolboys, had died at the age of 14.

Andy, who lived in Kingswood and attended Hanham High School, was rushed to hospital five weeks ago. He suffered a cut lip in a match and the bleeding would not stop.

He underwent blood tests and was later put in an isolation ward. It was discovered that he was suffering from leukaemia. He died on March 31st at Southmead Hospital. Bristol City's youth officer Roger Quintin predicted a bright footballing future for the likeable centre-half who played in the club's junior sides and represented Avon Schools.

He said: "You couldn't have met a nicer lad. It is a tragedy. We send our deepest sympathy to his family on their great loss."

NORTON JONES



SEEN AT CITY

"Competition in fund-raising is so fierce these days that it has become a battle for survival — and only the fittest pull through."

That's Mike Solway speaking. He knows the score because raising cash has been his full-time profession for the past four years.

But Mike, who is pools office manager and assistant to commercial manager Jim Evans, has no fears for the future of his department at Ashton Gate.

"When the legislation changed, allowing lotteries to give £1,000 prizes instead of the old £100, a lot of people and societies quickly saw how much money could be made," said 25 year old Mike.

"But many of them found out it wasn't so easy as they thought, especially with the amount of competitors around. Now quite a few have dropped out but those remaining know what the job is all about and are tough opposition.

"Football clubs, though, have a distinct advantage because they have a springboard with ready-made supporters prepared to act as agents for their lottery.

"That's why I believe soccer clubs, particularly the bigger ones, will always come out on top in the fight for survival.

"Supporters can't help their club any more than by acting as agents. These days, agents are such a big part of any team because it is impossible to survive on gate receipts.

"Without these people, particularly when times as difficult as at present, the club could never carry on and the value of the work they do can never be stressed too much."

Mike is backing the move by the Commercial Managers Association to get fresh legislation through Parliament allowing even bigger cash prizes to be given.

"In Britain we lag behind most other countries when it comes to the size of the lotteries we can run. Most other countries

have competitions with prizes up to £20,000. I believe there will be changes here within the next year or so."

Mike, who is married and lives at Shirehampton, worked part-time in the pools office on matchdays before accepting an invitation by Jim Evans to join the staff.

His job before was pricing for a timber company so he was already well-schooled in figure-work and sales.

Mike started supporting City when he was three. His father, William, has been a City agent for many years and it was the calls made on him by Jim Evans that led to Mike helping out in the pools office.

When Chris James left, creating a full-time staff vacancy, Mike jumped at the chance to join the club he has followed all his life.

"When I first joined, we were still operating the old £100 pool. Things have changed dramatically since then," he said.

"Although the prizes were so much bigger, it was difficult at the start to convince people used to paying 10p that the new 20p ticket was good value for money.

"We gradually won them over and the new system has been very successful. The job is a matter of keeping things running smoothly."

Monday is the busiest day for the Promotions staff, with money to be taken in from couriers and then the evening trip out on the road to make the weekly draw at a pub or club.

General administration work, such as Gaming Board returns and accounts, takes care of the middle part of the week. Then, as Friday comes, it's the build up to matchdays and again plenty of activity in the office.

"I get satisfaction from the work, knowing how vital fund-raising is to the club. But what we do in the office wouldn't be any value if it wasn't for the part the agents play," said Mike.



City kicked off the Easter programme winning an important point against West Brom at Ashton Gate last Saturday. David Rodgers kept a tight grip on Albion's 'Dangerman' Cyrille Regis (pictured above), while Albion's keeper Tony Godden (right) kept his domain intact with some excellent saves.



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Syd Gilbert has his occasional problems as Press Room Steward at Ashton Gate — but nothing quite so alarming as finding himself in a police uniform and right in the middle of a rampaging band of Manchester United supporters.

And the occasional awkward journalist or unco-operative manager are child's play in comparison with having to cope with a terrace stabbing as a special constable.

After 25 years of voluntary service at Ashton Gate, Syd deserves a quieter, less dangerous job than the 'Specials' face in these days of crowd violence.

Sports reporters visiting City's ground appreciate the welcome and attention they know they can expect from Syd since he took on his new role at the start of last season. "Journalists come to Ashton Gate with a job to do. I see my duty as making that work as easy and pleasant as possible," said Syd, who has recently retired after 40 years of travelling in the fancy goods trade.

"Sometimes it is not easy because reporters like to get their own stories and line up exclusive interviews. I arrange for both the home and away managers to visit the Press Room at different times shortly after the match finishes to answer questions. "But if any reporter wants to speak to a particular player, I seek the permission of the manager and, if that is given, make the necessary arrangements.

"I quickly realised that representatives of different newspapers have different needs. The Sunday paper



PRESS GANG

SYD GILBERT
Press Room Steward

boys want quick quotes straight after the match because they have an early deadline.

"Reporters for the dailies are looking for the behind-the-scenes story for Monday's editions. Local radio also wants reaction comments and background interviews.

"So you can see, it is not easy to satisfy everyone but I do all I can to work the boys as amicably as possible and I think the system works quite well."

Syd's big triumph was to persuade a reluctant Brian Clough to visit the Press Room after a game. "The club write to visiting managers, asking them to co-operate with our media system and then I approach

them when they arrive at the ground and arrange a time for them to meet the press.

"Mr. Clough said he didn't give after-match interviews. But I asked him in a fairly pleading manner just as the teams were going onto the pitch — and he agreed to give an interview.

"But he only did it once. Since then, Peter Taylor, Forest's assistant manager, has done the after-match comments on behalf of the club.

It was doing duty as a special constable that first brought Syd to Ashton Gate. He had always wanted a career in the force but was turned down as a youngster because he was half-an-inch below the height requirement.

He comes from Shrewsbury where, as a teenager, he made his mark as an athlete. Syd was Shropshire schools 100 yards champion and was also useful over hurdles and the 220 yard distance.

Birchfield Harriers invited him to join them but, at the time his father was against him leaving home.

Syd was injured at Dunkirk and that virtually ended his athletics career. But he maintained an interest in most sports and was particularly keen on first motor-cycling and then motoring events. Syd is married with a son, Alan, who is a lecturer at Southampton Polytechnic. Alan used to play soccer for Keynsham Cricketers, the Somerset Senior League team that was coached by Ken Wimshurst.

Alan, who has a baby daughter, is still playing local soccer in the Southampton area.



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Albion's keeper, making a record-breaking appearance for his club against Bristol, turned on a special performance for the occasion with some first class saves that denied City from taking both points last Saturday and is here ready to break up another attack.

Bristol City fans who criticise manager Alan Dicks for not making more use of Clive Whitehead's artistic skills on the football field will be surprised at the arrangement the versatile player has reached with his wife Heather over the care of the garden at their home in Winscombe.

"Because we live on a corner, we have a bigger garden than most of the houses in the immediate area," said Clive.

"Heather has a flair for design — she gained an A-level in art before leaving school — and does all the planning. I just do the labouring."

The couple have been married just nine months. Clive is a Midlander from Birmingham, while Heather was born in London and moved to this area while still a child.

"We both love the West Country and look upon it as very much our home," said Clive.

"Being brought up among council houses in the grime of Birmingham, I still find the pretty countryside all around us a real joy.

"My folks realise how lucky we are to be living down here and often come to visit us. It's always nice to have them. We've just recently had my brother Alan, the former Birmingham City player, down to stay."

Clive and Heather met in a pub the night everyone at City was celebrating promotion to the First Division. Heather has continued to work for a company in Nailsea since they got married.

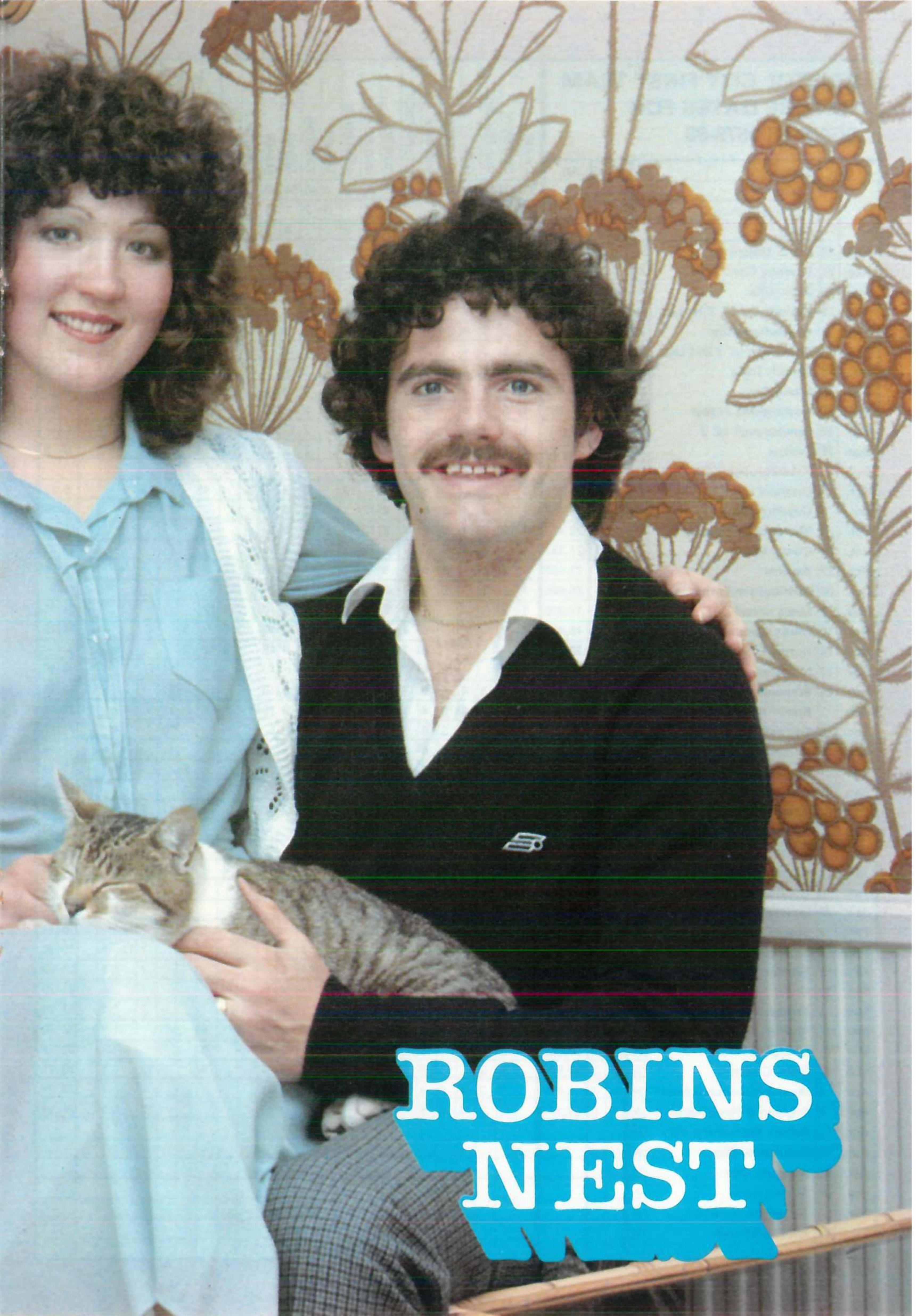
"We enjoy going out to see places of historical interest and love finding nice old inns in which to have a meal," said Clive. "This summer, we are planning to spread our wings and tour places of interest in France, Germany and Switzerland."

The Whitehead household soon acquired an addition — a cat called Ben.

"People living over the road had two cats who didn't get on. Ben used to find his way across to our house and when his owners moved away, they asked us if we would like to have him — and we took him."

Heather has a keen interest in sport and watches Clive play whenever possible. Being a working girl, she doesn't have a lot of time to participate in many sports herself — so she has taken up jogging and goes on early morning spins.





ROBINS NEST

BRISTOL CITY FIRST TEAM FIXTURE DATES FOR SEASON 1979-80

Date		Opponents	V	F	A	Att.	SHAW	SWEET	WHIT	GOW	RODG	MERR	FITZP	RITCH	MABB	JANT	MEYE	TAINT	ROYL	MANN	CORN	HAY	GILLIE	KENY	GARL	PRITC	DOYL	CASH	POINT	POSIT	
		Appearances					35	41	41	30	25	42	43	35	28	10	4	40	34	26	2	4	6	5	12	12	1	9			
		Sub Appearances												3	6		3	2	1	1	3	2	1			1	2				
		Goals						1	2	5	4	1		10	6	2			4	3					2	2					
Aug.	18	Leeds United	H	2	2	23,331	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												1	—
Aug.	21	Coventry City	A	1	3	19,293	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												1	—
Aug.	25	Aston Villa	A	2	0	25,526	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		2	11	12										3	11
Aug.	28	Rotherham LC 2 1st Leg	H	1	0	6,981	1	5	3	4		6	7	8		10	11	2	9		12									—	—
Sep.	1	Wolverhampton	H	2	0	19,428	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	11	10		2	9		12									5	6
Sep.	4	Rotherham LC 2 2nd Leg	A	1	1	7,327	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	11	10		2	9		12									—	—
Sep.	8	Ipswich Town	A	0	1	16,915	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	11	10		2	9		12									5	10
Sep.	15	Stoke City	H	0	0	16,662	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	11		12	2	9	10										6	10
Sep.	22	Nottingham Forest	H	1	1	22,763	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	9			2	12	10	11									7	10
Sep.	26	Peterborough LC 3	A	1	1	7,067	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	9			2	12	10	11									—	—
Sep.	29	Everton	A	0	0	24,733	1	5	3	4		6	7	8	11			2	9	10		12								8	8
Oct.	2	Peterborough LC 3 Rep'y	H	4	0	9,125	1	2	3	4		6	7		11	10	12	8	9			5								—	—
Oct.	6	Liverpool	A	0	4	38,213	1	5	3			6	7	8	11	10		2	9		12		4							8	12
Oct.	9	Coventry City	H	1	0	14,853	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12			11	9	10										10	10
Oct.	13	Manchester United	H	1	1	28,873	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12			11	9	10										11	11
Oct.	20	Crystal Palace	A	1	1	27,333	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12			11	9	10										12	13
Oct.	27	Arsenal	H	0	1	23,029	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	4			11	9	10		12								12	16
Oct.	30	Nottingham Forest LC 4	H	1	1	25,695	1	2	3		5	6	7	8	4			11	9	10		12								—	—
Nov.	3	Leeds United	A	3	1	17,376	1	2	3			6	7	8	4			11	9	10		5	12							14	11
Nov.	10	Derby County	H	0	2	16,401	1	2				6	7	8	4		12	11	9	10		5		3						14	15
Nov.	14	Nott'm Forest LC 4 Replay	A	0	3	20,462	1	2				6	7	8	4			11	9	10		5	12	3						—	—
Nov.	17	Middlesbrough	A	0	1	14,494	1	2			5	6	7	8	9			4		10			3		11	12				14	16
Nov.	24	Manchester City	H	1	0	18,296	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12				8	9	10					11					16	14
Dec.	1	Bolton Wanderers	A	1	1	12,074	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12				8	9	10					11					17	14
Dec.	8	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1	3	25,093	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12			11	8	9						10					17	17
Dec.	15	Norwich City	A	0	2	12,473	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10				8	9		12				11					17	19
Dec.	21	Southampton	H	0	1	12,489	1	2	3	4		6	7	10	12			8	9	11				5						17	19
Dec.	26	West Bromwich Albion	A	0	3	19,564	1	2	3	4		6	7		10		12	8	9	11				5						17	20
Dec.	29	Aston Villa	H	1	3	18,221	1	2	3	4	5	6			9			8	12	10					11	7				17	20
Jan.	1	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2	2	19,259	1		3	4	5	6	8	12	9			2		10					11	7				18	20
Jan.	5	Derby County (FAC 3)	H	6	2	13,384	1	12	3	4	5	6	8	9				2		10					11	7				—	—
Jan.	12	Wolverhampton	A	0	3	18,835	1	12	3	4	5	6	8	9				2		10					11	7				18	20
Jan.	19	Ipswich Town	H	0	3	14,218	1	6	3	4	5		8			10		2	9						11	7				18	20
Jan.	26	Ipswich Town (FAC 4)	H	1	2	19,608	1	10	3	4	5	6	8		9			2							11	7	12			—	—
Feb.	2	Stoke City	A	0	1	14,501	1	10	3		5		8	9				4					2	6	11	7	12			18	20
Feb.	9	Nottingham Forest	A	0	0	23,421		2	3		5	6	8	10	12			4	9							7	11	1		19	20
Feb.	19	Everton (5)	H	2	1	15,119		2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12			11	9							7		1		21	20
Feb.	23	Manchester United	A	0	4	43,239		2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12			11	9							7		1		21	20
Mar.	1	Crystal Palace	H	0	2	15,947		2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12			11	9							7		1		21	20
Mar.	11	Arsenal	A	0	0	21,559		2	3			6	8	10	7	12		11	9	4			5					1		22	20
Mar.	15	Liverpool	H	1	3	27,187		2	3			6	8	10	7	12		11	9	4			5					1		22	21
Mar.	22	Derby County	A	3	3	17,020		2	3			6	8	10	7			11	9	4			5			12		1		23	21
Apr.	5	West Bromwich Albion	H	0	0	15,677		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10			12	9	11								1		24	21
Apr.	7	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1	0	23,171		2	3	4	5	6	7	8				12	9	10						11		1		26	21
Apr.	12	Bolton Wanderers (SF)	H																												
Apr.	19	Manchester City	A																												
Apr.	26	Norwich City	H																												
Apr.	29	Southampton	A																												
May	3	Tottenham Hotspur	A																												
		Middlesbrough	H																												

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE 1979-80

	Home							Away							Goal	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff			
Liverpool	37	14	5	0	41	6	9	3	6	33	21	54	+47			
Manchester Utd	37	14	3	1	35	5	6	7	6	20	25	50	+25			
Ipswich Town	38	12	4	3	39	13	7	5	7	23	24	47	+25			
Arsenal	36	8	8	3	23	11	8	5	4	24	17	45	+15			
Aston Villa	37	10	5	5	28	22	4	8	5	18	21	41	+3			
Wolverhampton	35	7	6	4	21	14	10	0	8	27	25	40	+9			
Southampton	37	12	2	4	44	20	3	7	9	10	26	39	+8			
Middlesbrough	36	9	6	3	25	14	5	5	8	16	21	39	+6			
Nott'm Forest	35	12	4	1	36	11	4	2	12	18	29	38	+14			
W.B.A.	38	9	7	3	37	22	2	9	8	16	26	38	+5			
Leeds United	38	9	6	4	27	17	3	7	9	15	29	37	-3			
Crystal Palace	38	8	8	3	25	13	3	7	9	14	31	37	-5			
Coventry City	36	11	2	5	31	20	4	4	10	20	36	36	-5			
Norwich City	38	9	8	2	34	26	2	6	11	17	32	36	-7			
Tottenham	37	10	3	5	25	20	4	5	10	21	35	36	-9			
Brighton	38	7	7	5	23	19	3	7	9	22	33	34	-7			
Stoke City	37	8	4	6	25	22	3	6	10	15	30	32	-12			
Everton	37	6	6	7	26	25	2	9	7	15	22	31	-6			
Manchester City	38	6	8	5	23	23	3	5	11	12	37	31	-25			
Derby County	38	7	4	8	30	28	2	4	13	9	33	26	-22			
Bristol City	36	4	6	8	15	25	3	6	9	12	28	26	-26			
Bolton	37	4	9	5	16	19	0	4	15	18	49	21	-34			

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	35	22	6	7	81	39	50
Chelsea	36	21	8	7	60	37	50
Tottenham	34	20	9	5	82	42	49
Norwich City	34	20	8	6	61	29	48
Fulham	34	19	6	9	67	46	44
Southampton	38	14	13	11	57	46	41
Ipswich Town	35	14	12	9	57	42	40
Q.P.R.	34	16	7	11	71	60	39
Birmingham	35	14	9	12	55	48	37
West Ham	36	14	8	14	62	59	36
Bristol City	31	14	7	10	67	46	35
Bristol Rovers	35	12	11	12	51	61	35
Leicester City	37	14	6	17	58	59	34
Crystal Palace	36	11	11	14	57	57	33
Luton Town	35	9	15	11	37	46	33
Cardiff City	36	10	9	17	47	59	29
Swindon Town	35	11	5	19	47	65	27
Oxford United	35	8	10	17	44	58	26
Plymouth	36	8	8	20	46	85	24
Reading	32	7	6	19	45	97	20
Orient	35	6	7	22	22	51	19
Hereford	34	5	9	20	42	74	19

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1978-79

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	F	A
Aug. 18	Swindon Town	A	4	0
Aug. 21	Plymouth Argyle	A	1	1
Sept. 8	Leicester City	H	4	1
Sept. 11	Oxford United	H	1	0
Sept. 15	Ipswich Town	A	0	4
Sept. 18	Birmingham City	A	3	0
Sept. 22	Bristol Rovers	A	1	2
Sept. 29	Reading	H	6	3
Oct. 6	Orient	A	1	2
Oct. 13	Crystal Palace	A	2	2
Oct. 20	Fulham	H	3	1
Oct. 27	Arsenal	A	2	2
Oct. 31	Leicester City	A	1	2
Nov. 3	Swindon Town	H	3	2
Nov. 17	West Ham United	H	0	2
Nov. 20	Plymouth Argyle	H	5	1
Nov. 24	Norwich City	A	0	2
Nov. 27	Southampton	H	5	2
Dec. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3	2
Dec. 8	Chelsea	A	0	2
Dec. 21	Southampton	A	0	0
Jan. 9	Crystal Palace	H	4	0
Jan. 14	Queens Park Rangers	A	1	4
Jan. 22	Birmingham City	H	5	2
Feb. 2	Ipswich Town	H	0	1
Feb. 18	Reading	A	2	2
Feb. 26	Luton Town	H	3	1
Mar. 1	Fulham	A	0	1
Mar. 4	Orient	H	3	0
Mar. 22	Queens Park Rangers	H	1	1
Mar. 29	West Ham United	A	2	2
April 2	Oxford United	A	0	0
April 9	Cardiff City	A		
April 12	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
April 15	Bristol Rovers	H		
April 19	Norwich City	H		
April 21	Cardiff City	H		
April 26	Hereford United	A		
April 29	Luton Town	A		
May 3	Chelsea	H		
May 5	Arsenal	H		

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The summer is almost upon us so I'll take this opportunity of telling you some of the schemes we have in mind for the close season.

I am now negotiating for a week of pop concerts and have pencilled in the week starting June 2nd for some major attractions on the Ashton Gate pitch.

I cannot give further details yet, but this could be one of the most exciting ventures ever undertaken by the club. Once plans have been finalised the details will be announced in the press.

Darts is becoming one of the most popular indoor games in the country and Bristol City will be involved in this boom sport during the summer.

The Supporters' Club are organising the local heats of this summer's Pontin's Darts Tournament. All local darts leagues have the details.

As usual Pontin's have come up with many fine prizes. The national final will be held in the Supporters' clubroom at Ashton Gate.

Talking of clubrooms, Bristol City now have one of the finest selections of venues for private functions in the city. The Supporters' Club, the 51 Club, The Dolman Nite Spot and the Bowls Club

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This company is sponsoring this afternoon's game and I can assure them a most

enjoyable time. Watch out for the special tee-shirts being thrown into the crowd.

NEWSPAPER

Once again we have produced a club newspaper — full of pictures and articles about the Ashton Gate scene. It is on sale today from the Robins Shop or from sellers around the ground, priced 20p.

It is great value and no City fan can afford to go home today without one.

LOTTERY

Our new Instant Lottery has started off with a bang. Just a reminder that tickets for this 20p instant competition are on sale at the ground today.

A few more agents — retail outlets preferred — are required. Just ring Bristol 663886 for details. The weekly lottery continues to flourish. Why not come along to one of our popular Monday night draws? You will be assured a big welcome.

The next draw is on Monday at the Port of Bristol Authority Club on the Portway. On Monday April 21st we'll be right in the heart of Bristol territory — the Red Cow at Bedminster. I look forward to seeing you.

JIM EVANS

flashback

BOLTON WANDERERS 2 BRISTOL CITY 1

Division Two — Sunday 21st January, 1974

The winter of 1973-74 was a time of crisis for football. A power dispute brought a ban on floodlight football. Only clubs possessing or being able to hire generators were allowed to use lights.

Sunday afternoon football was permitted for the first time by the Football League — and Bolton Wanderers took advantage of it to arrange their match against City on a Sunday. It was a double success for Bolton. They attracted one of their best crowds of the season — more than 23,000 — and also won the match 2-1.

City, whose League results had not been good, suffered from a lack of goals. They went to Bolton having failed to score in the previous four matches. On the sunny Sunday

afternoon neither Paul Cheesley nor Donnie Gillies looked capable of ending the famine. Cheesley was withdrawn in the second half to enable Kevin Griffin to make one of his rare senior outings.

Gillies was suffering from a minor injury and had not trained throughout the previous week. But he helped in the move that brought City a goal in the fourth minute.

Gillies pushed the ball to the right, Tom Ritchie cut it back into the middle and Ernie Hunt hit a first time left foot volley into the top corner from 20 yards for his first goal for the club.

It was a great goal — but City seldom looked like repeating it. Manager Alan Dicks said: "We had four shots on target in the first 20 minutes but did nothing

else after that."

City lost the game as a result of two defensive errors later in the first half. A slapdash throw by Gary Collier near Bolton's right corner flag set up the equaliser in the ninth minute.

Sam Allardyce's cross from the right was headed into his own net by Geoff Merrick — his second own goal in three League games.

In the 35th minute everyone backed off when Roy Greaves ran from the halfway line and shot from 25 yards through a crowded penalty area. The ball bounced slowly into the far corner past the unsighted Ray Cashley. Bolton had the game's star in Peter Thompson, the former Liverpool and England left-winger. Collier, playing at right-back, was bemused by Thompson's dazzling footwork.

Trevor Tainton was City's most enterprising player and was behind many of the best moves. He hit the bar in the second half with a centre.

But Bolton hit the woodwork twice. Neil Whatmore with a header and John Ritson with a rasping drive beat Ray Cashley.

Teams: Bolton Wanderers: Siddall, Ritson, McAllister, Allardyce, Jones (P), Nicholson, Byrom, Jones (G). (Sub: 84 minutes, Olinyk), Greaves, Whatmore, Thompson. Bristol City: Cashley, Collier, Drysdale, Sweeney, Rodgers, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Cheesley (Sub: 67 minutes, Griffin), Gillies, Hunt.

Attendance: 23,315

Referee: Pat Partridge (Middlesbrough).



DAVID RODGERS AND TOM RITCHIE

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

There have been three significant additions to the Bolton Wanderers line-up since **Stan Anderson** took over the helm after the sacking of Ian Greaves in January.

Perhaps the most important has been the return to fitness of England Under-21 player **Peter Reid** (see Dangerman, page 3). But the arrival of two former apprentices on the scene has also helped the side.

Mike Carter served a one year apprenticeship up to July 1977. He got his first chance in the League on loan with Mansfield Town and scored four goals in 18 games with them at the end of last season. He made his Bolton debut, coming on as substitute, in the 1-1 draw with Bristol City at Burnden Park on December 1.

Philip Wilson has only been out of his apprenticeship since October 1978. He made his League debut against Arsenal in late February and kept his place.

Goalkeeper **Jim McDonagh** started his career with his home town club in Rotherham. He won England youth honours and played in every game when Rotherham United won promotion from Division Four in 1974-75. He spent two months on loan with Manchester United in 1973 but did not play in the League side. He joined Bolton for a £10,000 fee in September 1976 after a month on loan.

Full back **Dave Clement** is also a former England youth player — and a full

international. He played 406 League games for Queens Park Rangers before his £176,000 move to Bolton last June.

Peter Nicholson has been with the club since they were in Division Three and has played in two promotion winning squads. Although he was previously with both Carlisle United and Blackpool, he has played all but six of his 300 League games with Bolton.

Len Cantello became the club's most costly player when he was signed from West Bromwich Albion for £350,000 last June. Born in Manchester he played for England at schoolboy, youth and Under-23 level. He played more than 300 League games for West Brom appearing in the 1970 League Cup final and the 1975-76 promotion winning sides.

Central defender **Paul Jones** has played more than 330 League games, all of them for Bolton. But since he made his League debut against Swindon Town in February 1971 his name has often been linked with other clubs.

He has played in two promotion winning sides.

His defensive partner in the centre of the back four is **Mike Walsh**, who like Jones has played all his League soccer with one club. He was signed in July 1974, made his debut against Nottingham Forest in February 1975 and missed only one game when the club won Division Two two seasons ago.

Polish international **Tadeusz**

Nowak has been with the club since March last year when he was signed for a £50,000 fee from Legia of Poland. He made his Bolton debut against Ipswich Town near the end of last season and recently returned to the side in place of former Burnley, Manchester United and Scotland winger Willie Morgan.

Last season **Neil Whatmore** took something of a goalscoring back seat to Frank Worthington — now with Birmingham City — and Alan Gowling who scored 39 League goals between them. This term Whatmore is the only Bolton player anywhere near double figures — a target he reached with the winner against Tottenham Hotspur last month. A former Burnden Park apprentice, Whatmore scored twice on his League debut against Swansea City in April 1973 and has netted more than 80 League goals in his career. Newcastle United bid £300,000 to sign him in February 1978.

Former Manchester United, Huddersfield Town and Newcastle United striker **Alan Gowling** led the attack for the first half of the season. He then switched to the defence but went out of the side after Bolton's FA Cup defeat at Arsenal in February.

Young players on the fringe of the League side include **Chris Thompson**, a forward who made his League debut at Coventry earlier this season and defender **Mike Graham** who had his first outing at Mansfield two years ago but has played only a dozen games in all.



BOLTON WANDERERS

Two years ago Bolton Wanderers were on the final lap to promotion — with Frank Worthington claiming four goals in four games and ensuring that the Second Division trophy went to Burnden Park.

Last season, when Bolton recovered from a poor start to hold their newly-won First Division status, Worthington was the leading scorer in the top section with 26 League and Cup goals. And his partner, Alan Gowling, chipped in with a further 16.

Very few clubs could survive the loss of two players worth 42 goals between them. Worthington returned late from a summer season in the United States and failed to re-capture last season's form. Gowling, a model professional, also lost the scoring touch and even had a brief spell at centre half before stepping down because of injury in February.

But Bolton's problems did not end with their strikers. Last term they managed to stay safe despite losing England Under-21 skipper Peter Reid following a serious knee injury on New Year's Day. This season, however, they missed his mid-field influence, and when he returned after 12 months on the casualty list, Bolton were already tailed off at the foot of the table.

Injuries, combined with decline in confidence and form, also contributed to Bolton's difficult campaign. Eventually, the club took the decision to part company with manager Ian Greaves in January. This was almost a case of history repeating itself, for he had suffered a similar blow after taking Huddersfield Town into the First Division.

At both Bolton and Huddersfield, the former Manchester United defender revived an ailing club but did not quite have the financial resources to build a bridgehead in competition with much wealthier neighbours.

His successor at Bolton is Stan Anderson, who once saw football fate swing in an opposite direction. When he was manager of Middlesbrough, he took them out of the Third Division and developed the team that won promotion again in 1974 — but with Jack Charlton in charge.

He was made caretaker-chief at Burnden Park when Bolton were in the midst of a useful FA Cup run. Having disposed of Sunderland and Halifax Town, they drew at home to Arsenal and finally went out in the replay at Highbury. By then, their League position was seemingly hopeless. They were 12 points adrift of a safe place and hadn't won for six months. Indeed, they had won only once in 22 games.

Mr. Anderson said at the time: "We have a few games in hand at home, but there is no escaping the fact that we have won only one League game this season, and that means there is going to have

to be an incredible improvement if we are to get out of trouble."

When his full appointment was confirmed on 29th February, he was more categorical. "We need a miracle to stay up," he conceded.

The new boss decided that Wanderers would be best served by preparing for the future. He introduced several young players — notably full back David Burke, midfield man Phil Wilson and strikers Chris Thompson and Mike Carter. But he also promised that everyone would get a chance.

This meant the longest run so far for Polish winger Tadeusz Nowak, who was signed from Legia Warsaw just over 12 months ago. There was also a recall for Len Cantello, the former England Under-23 midfield man who did not settle easily after his £350,000 move from West Bromwich Albion last summer.

Mr. Anderson outlined his thoughts in an interview with Paul Hince, of the *Manchester Evening News*. He said: "I have to face the fact that I might lose five senior players between now and the end of the season, but I maintain that the nucleus of a good side is there to work around.

"We have got problems, of course — I would be foolish to deny otherwise. One of the principal reasons why we have been in so much trouble stems from our dreadful goal-scoring record.

"Believe me, the players will be under no illusions about what I expect from them. It is not my style to go blowing my top in public, but I am more than capable of losing my temper, as some of them already know.

"The main thing is to re-capture a bit of our pride and then, hopefully, to show what we can really do next season."

Mr. Anderson can have no worries on the score of his team playing for pride. Within 24 hours of his entry into the manager's chair, Bolton reacted magnificently by beating Nottingham Forest with a goal from top scorer Neil Whatmore.

Although this was followed by a 3-1 defeat at Crystal Palace, Bolton responded again by pipping Norwich 1-0. Once more, there was a setback in losing the next home game against Derby, but they then drew 4-4 at West Brom, after holding the lead four times, and followed up with a home victory over Tottenham.

It still seemed that Bolton were too late to escape the drop, for Mr. Anderson had suggested some time beforehand that Wanderers' only hope was to win five or six on the trot.

If the worst happens, and Wanderers are back in the Second Division, they will regret their failure to come to terms with the requirements of away football in the top League. Last season they managed only two wins, and, this term, while their home record has been reasonable, the away-wins column was still blank after 17 fixtures.

One occasion when Tony Godden was beaten, but Albion's Bryan Robson is on hand to save the day and a point for his side.



COACH STOP



There's a saying in the game that you have to be a bit mad to become a goalkeeper.

Perhaps they are a bit of a breed of their own but, from my experience, there is no closer-knit group in any football club than keepers and their willingness to help each other is tremendous. That seems strange because no position inspires more intense rivalry. Goalkeepers are either in the side or they are not. Outfield players can switch around to other positions if they are ousted from one place by a clubmate.

John Shaw and Ray Cashley get on famously and work hard on training to help improve each other's game. John is out of the first team and Ray in — yet the training pattern is exactly the same as when the situation was reversed. Obviously, training for goalkeepers is different than for other players, with a greater emphasis on discussing and analysing points and techniques.

That is not to say they can afford to neglect their fitness. On the contrary, it is as important for a goalkeeper to be in peak condition as it is for any player in the team.

It is also important for a goalkeeper to discover very early on what aspects of his game he needs to work on. Just stick him between the posts and fire shots at him and, as a coach, you could well be wasting his time and your own.

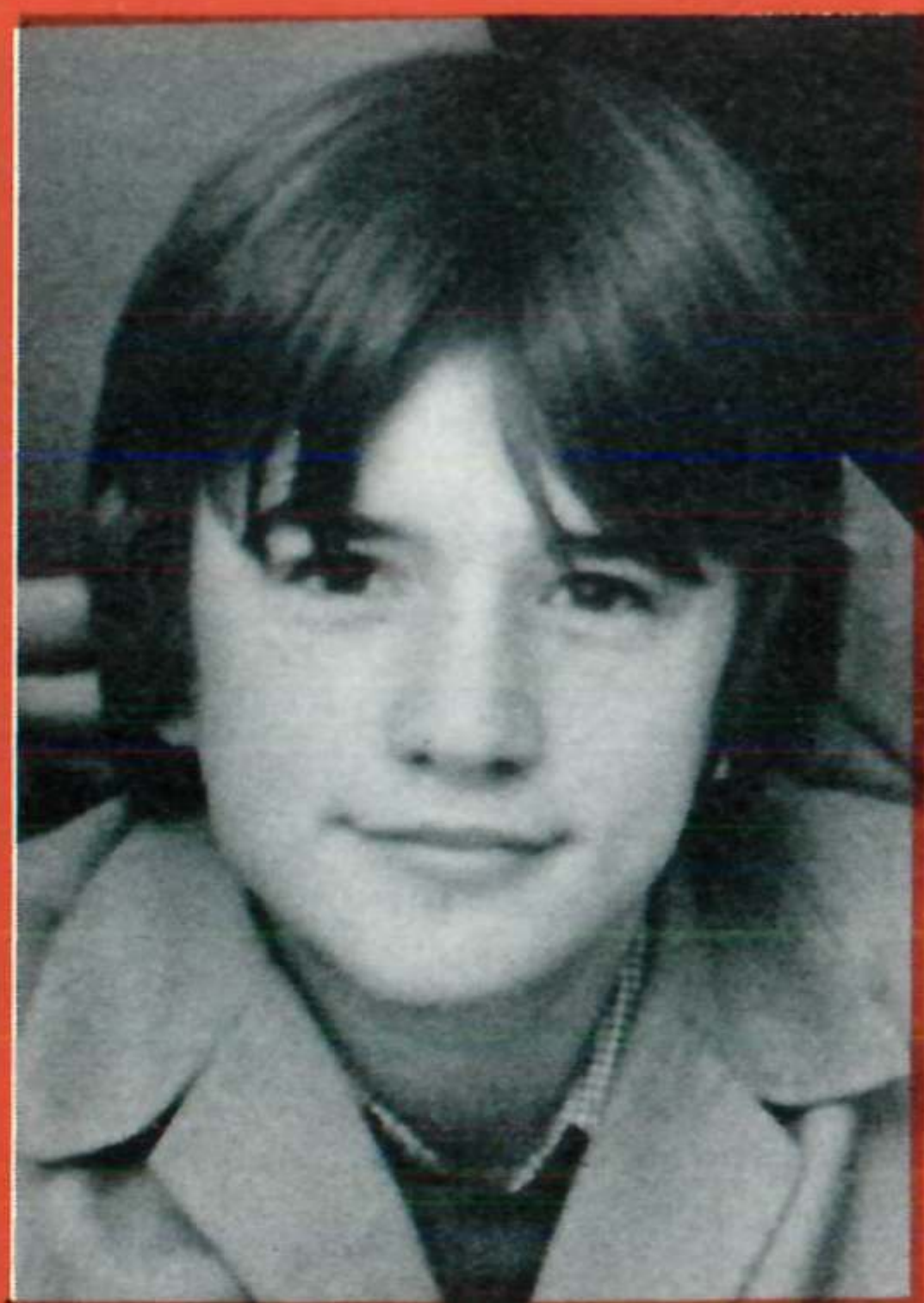
Getting angles right, knowing when to come for crosses and when to stay on your line . . . knowing when to catch and when to punch. These things are just as important as reflex saves. And, of course, use of the ball is very important. An accurate and intelligent kick or throw is the initiation of an attack.

The other thing that must be remembered is that it is no good working on aspects of a goalkeeper's game without putting him under pressure.

It is easy to do things right when no-one is harassing you. But the six-yard area doesn't belong exclusively to the goalkeeper and he must be able to think and act calmly while being challenged. I have been working on this with young David Mogg. I know there is a risk of injury when you intentionally put a player under physical pressure in training — but I think it is worth it.

It's a different world from training when you go out there on a Saturday afternoon, so it is sensible to make your preparations for it as realistic as possible.

GERRY SHARPE



YOUTH ON OUR SIDE

MARK JONES

Withywood School has become a particularly productive source of soccer talent for Bristol City.

Current England Boys star Wayne Bray, who is lined up for an apprenticeship at Ashton Gate, attends the school and so does Kevin Meacock, who will be joining City's staff this summer.

Close behind them comes Mark Jones (pictured above) who has the makings of a second Billy Bremner.

He's a busy little midfielder, a strong competitor and a good passer of the ball. Mark has played for Bristol Boys from the Under-11 level and is currently touring Germany with the schools team.

A bright lad academically, he could decide to continue his studies after 16. But, at the moment, it looks as if he will be joining the apprentice ranks at City in the summer of 1981.



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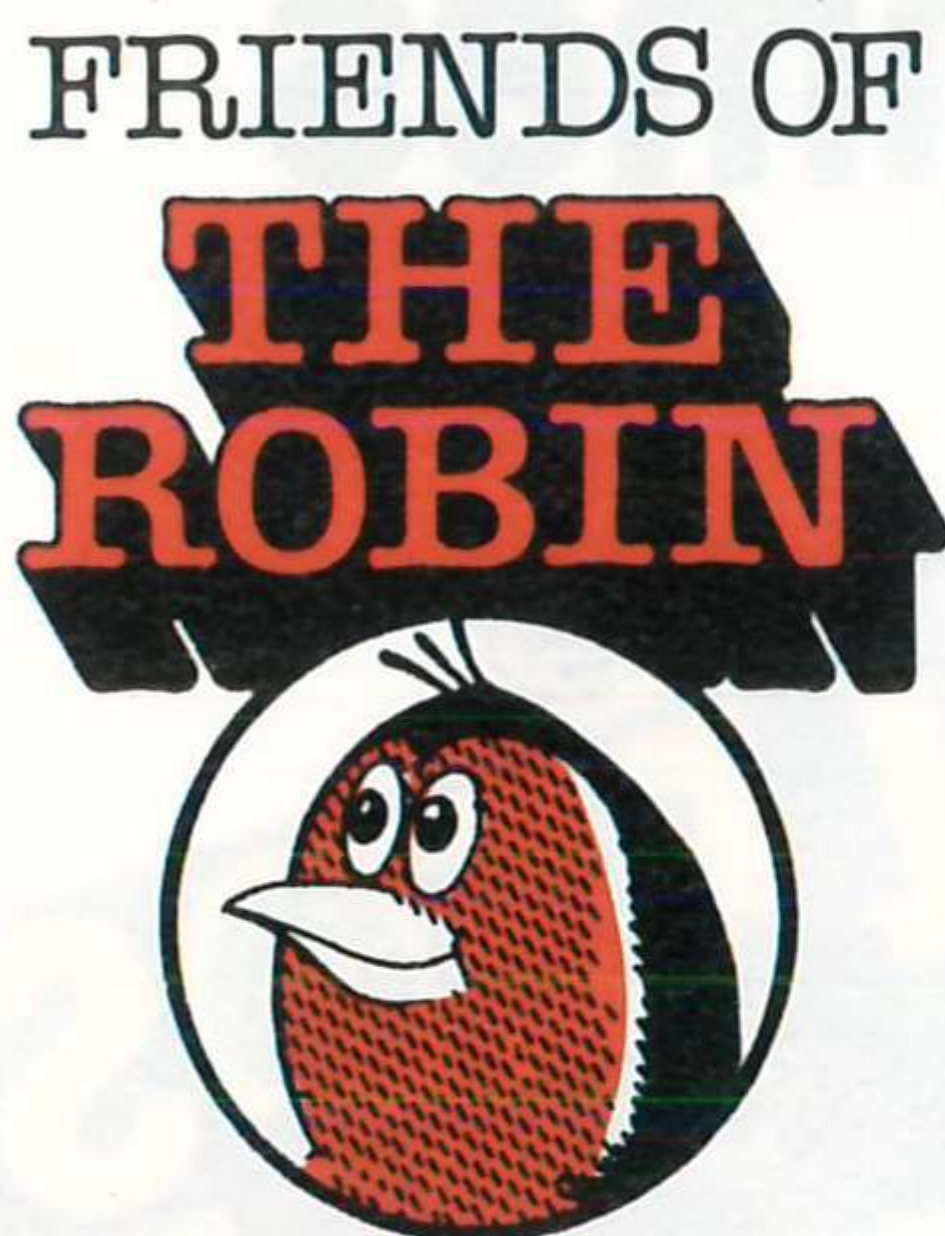


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Hello again Juniors.

A point against West Brom and another two against Brighton has put us back in with a real chance of avoiding relegation. Two more this afternoon would be a great send-off for next Saturday's

confrontation against Manchester City at Maine Road. We have two games in hand over Malcolm Allison's side. That means our fate lies in our own hands and I'm sure the players will be battling all the way.

Tony Godden proved the stumbling block last Saturday. He made two excellent saves that kept Albion in the game. Still, we must look on it as a point won rather than a point lost. There are now only 12 points to play for. Manchester City's chances are even slimmer with only eight points obtainable. I haven't forgotten that Derby County are battling alongside ourselves to

stave off relegation, but my guess is that they will be joining Manchester City in Division Two next season.

Roche Mechanical Handling are today's match sponsors and as part of the sponsorship package are running a competition in which four superb battery-operated models of some of the equipment on display today can be won. The competition appears elsewhere in this programme, so have a go.

Apart from our own game there are two other important matches being played this afternoon — the FA Cup semi-finals. It's a fascinating draw. Liverpool play Arsenal at Hillsborough and Everton play West Ham at Villa Park. The result could mean an all-Merseyside Final, an all-London Final or a Final confrontation between North and South. Arsenal will be hoping to reach Wembley for the third consecutive year and retaining the Cup they won last season.

Liverpool last won the FA Cup in 1974, Everton in 1966 and West Ham in 1975. Of the four clubs Arsenal have won the Cup the most number of times — five. They were also runners-up on five occasions.

I'm told that the semi-final programme on sale at Villa Park today will cost 50p. There always is a big demand for programme souvenirs for this type of match and sales are expected to reach 60,000 copies!

Another reminder that Geoff Merrick's Testimonial match takes place at Ashton Gate on Tuesday

22nd April. Full details appear elsewhere in The Robin. Family tickets are available at £5 (2 adults and 2 children) and there are special rates for school parties accompanied by a teacher or adult. On sale that evening will be a special souvenir programme price 40p. Only a limited number of copies are being printed so make sure you buy one as soon as you get to the game. They will be also on sale in the Club Shop.

Over the season we have received a number of complimentary letters regarding the matchday programme — The Robin. Plans are already in the pipeline for a new format and features for next season. This is where you can help. If you have any ideas or preference for certain types of features then drop me a line at the club. It's your programme and with your help I am sure it can be made into another award-winning production for next term. So please write and let us know what you think.

Now for something special. It's around this time of the season that players awards and presentations are made. This season we are inviting all members of Friends Of The Robin to nominate their Bristol City Player Of The Year. There's a nomination form below, but if you do not wish to cut your programme then complete the details on a separate piece of paper or postcard.

Vote for one player only and make sure to include your membership number on your entry.

That's it for now. Enjoy the game!

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